



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS BRIEFING

May 13, 2014

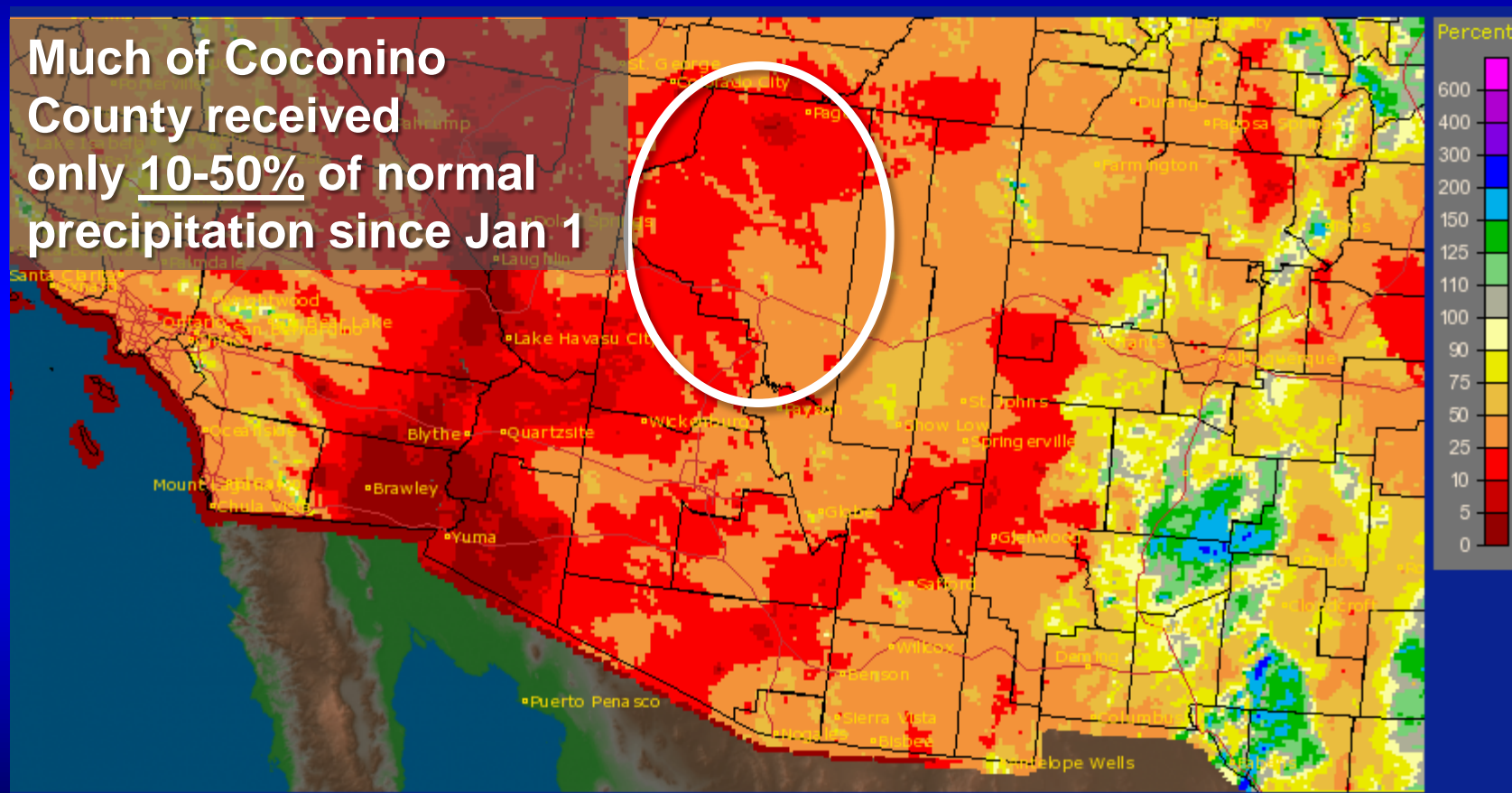
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Percent Normal Precipitation (Since Jan 1)



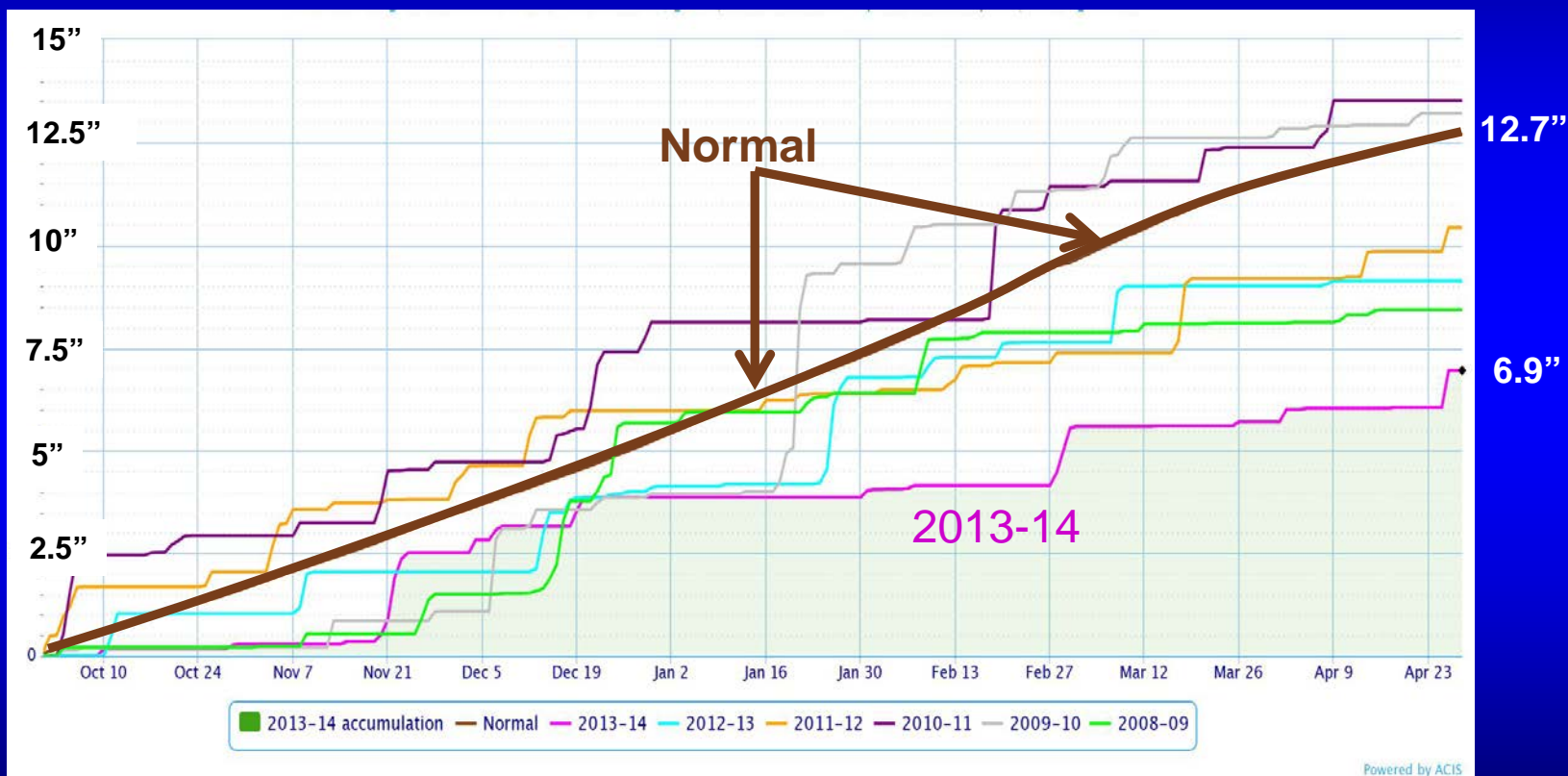
Much of Coconino
County received
only 10-50% of normal
precipitation since Jan 1

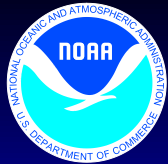




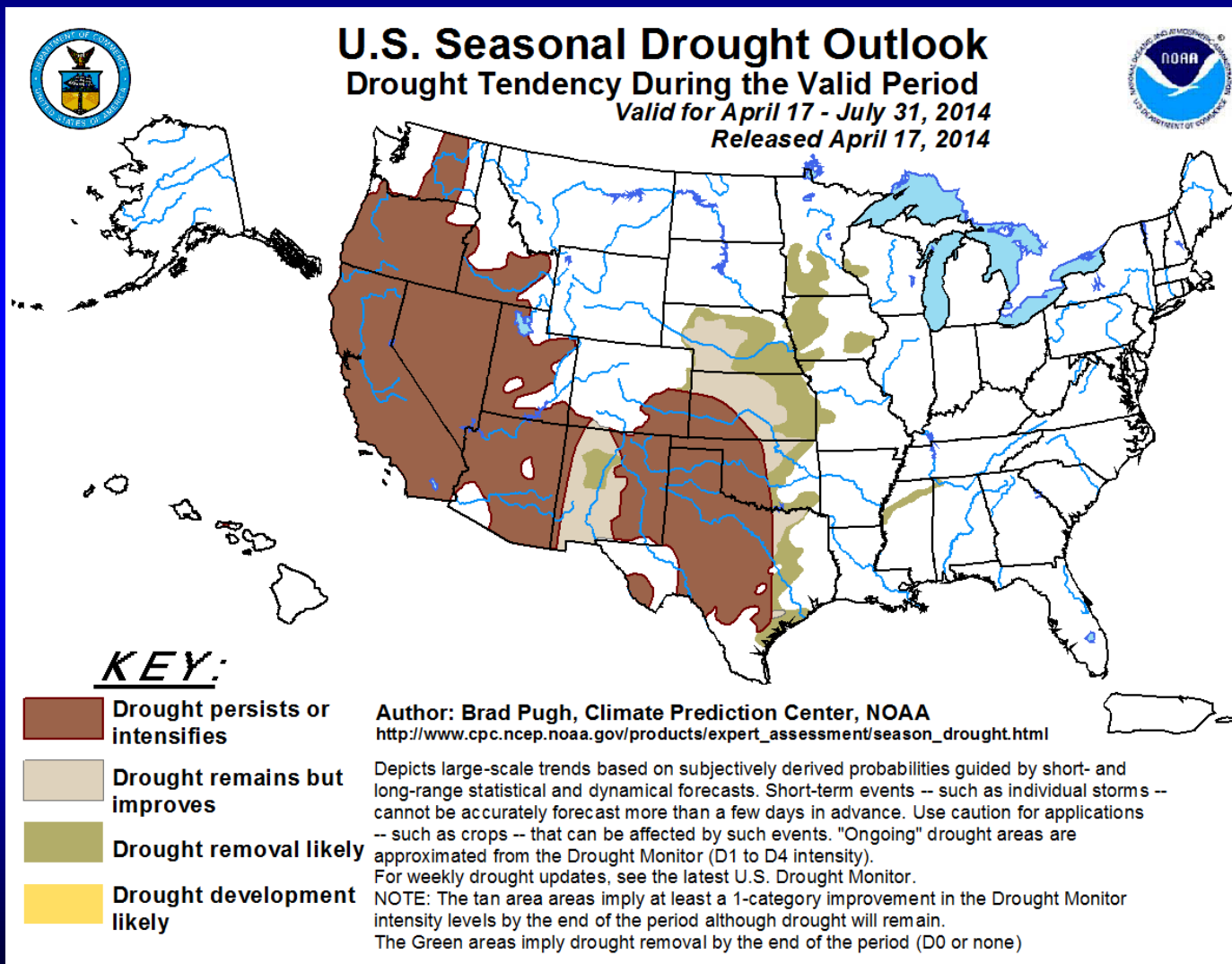
Accumulated Oct-Mar Precipitation

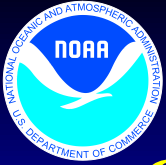
Precip (inches)





Drought Outlook through July



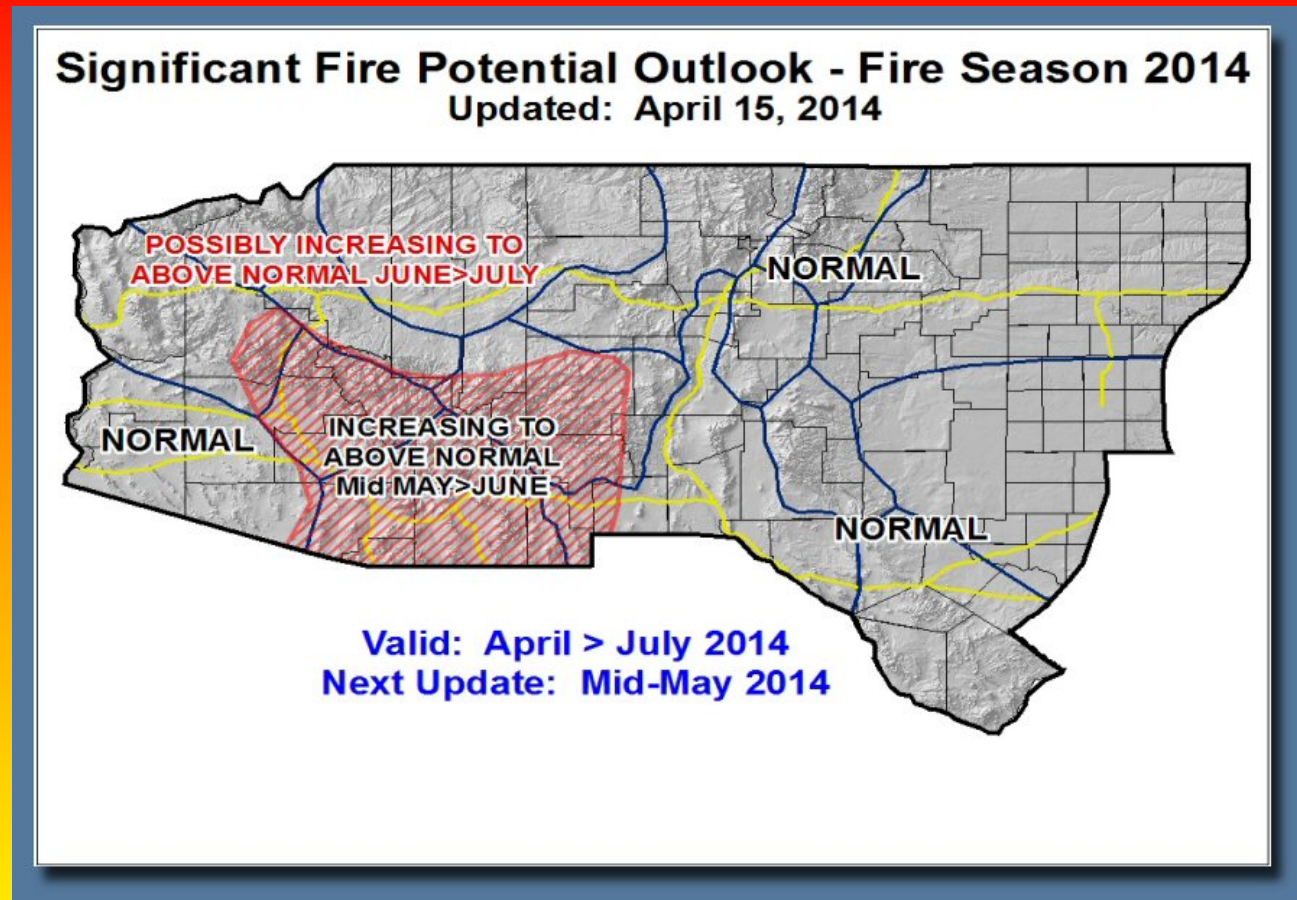


Coconino County Area Monsoon Outlook

- **Normal conditions (*little precipitation*) expected through June.**
 - Area drought conditions likely to worsen;
 - Enhanced fire danger expected this fire season.
- **Conditions indicate *potential* for early onset – a few days to a week early. Normal ‘start’ is first week in July.**
- **Slightly enhanced chances for wetter than normal (8-13” *rainfall, July 1 – Sept 30*).**
 - Don’t expect massive rainfall totals we saw last year (15-20”!)
 - Thunderstorm event days tend to ‘cluster’ into periods 2-4 days long.

2013 Fire Season Potential

- June – July: Above Normal fire potential for portions of Southwest





2014 Focus Areas

- **Prevention** –

- ***Homeless Shelter presentations & Woods Watch engagement***
- ***Joint patrols w//PD***

- **Preparedness** –

- ***Restrictions & Closure Plan***
- ***Weekly Wildfire Preparedness Update***

Fire Restrictions In Effect



No Fires



No Smoking



No BBQ's
(Charcoal or Wood)



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Per Flagstaff City Code Section 502-0910001 & IFD 307.1.1



2014 Focus Areas

- **Preparedness (cont)**

- ***National Firewise Day***

- ***Training:***

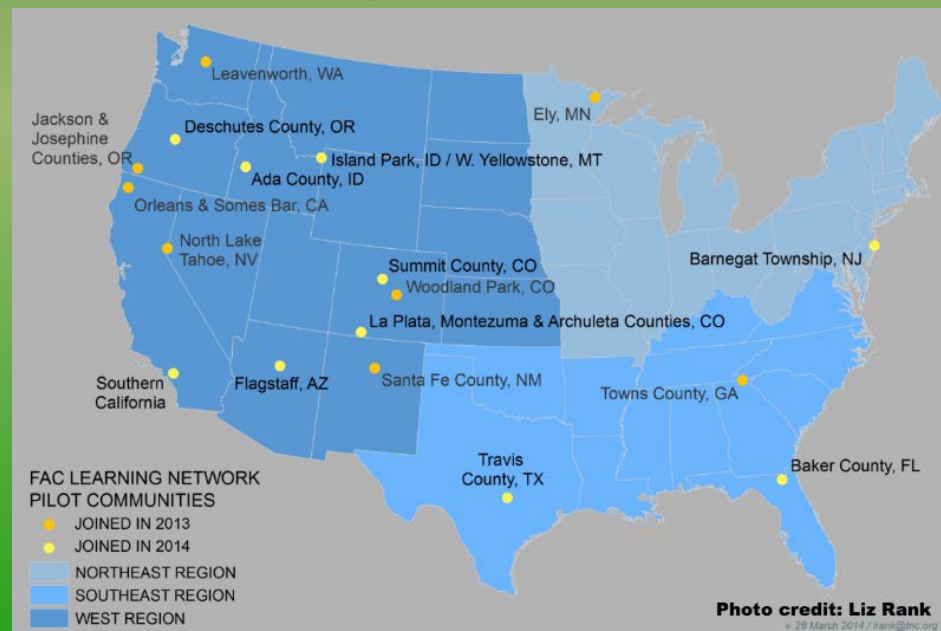
- ***AZ Wildfire Academy***
 - ***Annual Refresher***
 - ***Media Orientation***
 - ***USFS-City-County meeting***
 - ***PFAC Drill***
 - ***Command Exercise***

- **Response:**

- ***Seasonal crew***

- ***Severity response***

Fire Adapted Communities



COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS



**FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED
PROTECTION PROJECT**



Law Enforcement Fire Prevention Patrols

- Proactive patrols typically start in May. This year, the PD began in April.
- Patrols begin when weather becomes more moderate due to a “Necessity” clause in the city camping ordinance.
 - *Fire danger is lower during (most) winter months due to precipitation and the availability of housing for the homeless population through Flagstaff Shelter Services.*



Law Enforcement Fire Prevention Patrols

Patrol Efforts

- Approximately 87 man hours spent on proactive patrols in April
- The Justice Assistance Grant is currently being used to pay overtime costs associated with evening flights
 - *1 officer daily for 2 - 3 hours since April 15*
- Night time flights begin in coordination with fire restrictions
 - *Currently flying every night as weather permits*



Evening air patrols conducted
with CCSO

Law Enforcement Fire Prevention Patrols

Woods Watch: *Volunteers*

- The Woods Watch program has begun in cooperation with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office
 - First training was April 11
 - 61 in attendance
 - Second training was April 29
 - 65 in attendance

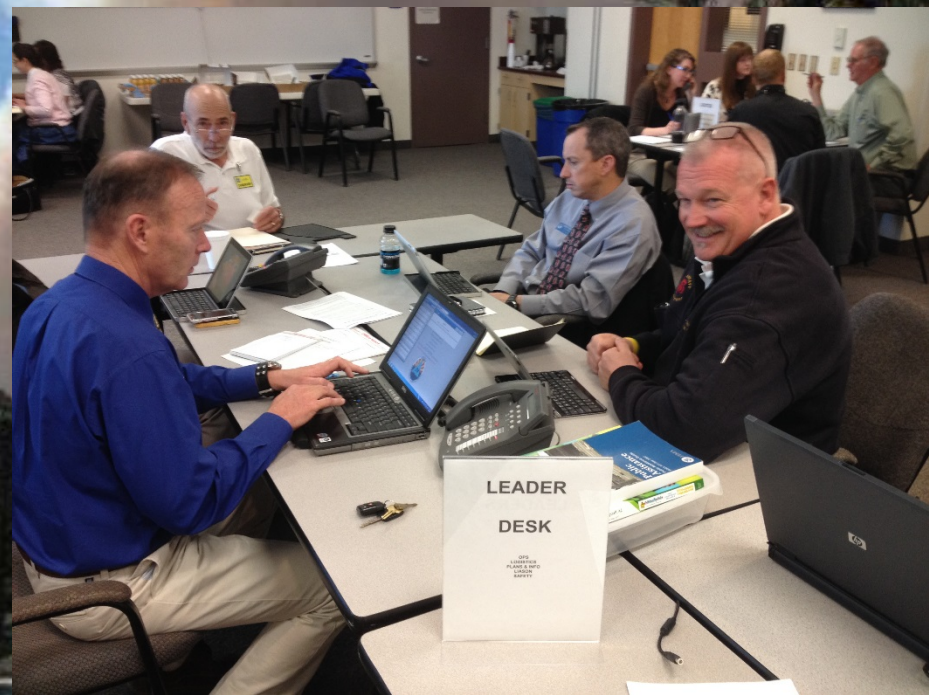


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- **ADEM is prepared to assist during major incidents;**
- **Citizens are encouraged to report suspicious smoke through the Woods Watch program;**
- **County fireworks use and sales ban in effect; and**
- **The County is prepared to enact additional restrictions as needed and as USFS upgrades.**

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City / County EOC Team Exercise April 18th, 2014



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PFAC Full Scale Exercise

- Firefighter training
- Incident Command / Unified Command
- EOC / ICP Interface
- Evacuation Planning and Execution



Coconino County



Keeping citizens informed.

**Our new public alert and warning system
is now in place and fully operational**



Coconino NF

Restoration Efforts

- ▶ Forest Plan Revision
- ▶ Four Forest Restoration Initiative
- ▶ Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project
- ▶ Schultz Flooding Mitigation



Wildland Fire Dispatch

- ▶ Coconino National Forest
- ▶ Navajo and Hopi
- ▶ Flagstaff and Verde Valley Monuments
- ▶ PFAC and the Greater Flagstaff Area



Fire Prevention Strategies

- Education
- Patrols
- Severity
- Restrictions
- Closures



Wildfire Detection

- ▶ Lookout Towers
- ▶ Aerial Detection
- ▶ Public



Engines and Crews (USFS)

- ▶ Engines (12)
- ▶ Crews (3)
- ▶ Water Tenders (4)
- ▶ Dozers (3)



Regional Ground Resources

- ▶ 5 Interagency IMT
- ▶ 20 Interagency Hotshot Crews
- ▶ 35 Type 2 Crews
- ▶ 111 Engines
- ▶ Partners
- ▶ National



National Ground Resources

- ▶ 60 Interagency IMT
- ▶ 100 Interagency Hotshot Crews
- ▶ 10,000 Firefighters
- ▶ 900 Engines
- ▶ Partners
- ▶ International



Regional Aviation Resources

- ▶ 41 Fixed Wing
- ▶ Multiple Type 1(2), 2(1) and 3(11) helicopters (EU Contract)
- ▶ AZ and NM Air National Guard
- ▶ 12 CWN Helicopters



National Air Tanker Resources

- ▶ Two Very Large Airtanker VLAT (DC-10)
- ▶ 15 Large Fixed-Winged Airtankers
- ▶ 8 Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS)
- ▶ Single Engine Air Tankers



Questions ?

